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NEWS FROM ALL SOURCES.
All sections of the British cotton trade were to adopt the decimal system from September 1. Fractions of a penny will be expressed in hundredths, and all weights in pounds.
The Hamburg-American Steamship line has ordered from Blum and Voss, Hamburg, a 9000-ton Atlantic liner with internal combustion engines of the Diesel type.
The winner of £800 in a Brussels Exhibition lottery was a Belgian miner, who died before the drawing. The ticket was afterwards found in his pocket.
The Paris newspaper Le Journal offers £700 as prize for a photograph in 1911 from Paris to Berlin, and thence to Brussels, London, and back to Paris.
Two hundred and forty British peers and Bishops have written to Lord Blyth in favour of penny postage with France.
The Great Western Railway Company abolished second-class travelling on its trains in London and the suburbs at the end of August.
During howitzer manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain a peculiar accident occurred. A high wind was blowing at the time, and a heavy gust deflected a gunblast to cartridges in a neighbouring wagon, exploding them. Two gunners were badly burned.
A cinematograph of the Johnson-Jeffries fight has been exhibited at Dublin, despite the contention of the authorities that the exhibition is illegal in the absence of a license. The promoters reply that the film of the cinematograph is inflammable, and hence a license is not necessary.
The bodies of King Richard I. (Coeur de Lion), King Henry II., and other members of the House of Plantagenet have been found in the abbey at Fontevault, a village in the department of Maine-et-Loire, France.
In order to ascertain the value of aeroplanes and airships in army work, the Army Council has invited prominent aviators, including Captain Dickson, to participate in the military manoeuvres this month. It is desired specially to test aeroplanes from the standpoint of observation.
Mr S. Walsh, M.P. (Labour), addressing his constituents at Hildesley, Lancashire, described the Chinese indemnity as disgraceful. He advised his constituents to defy the law. He himself was prepared to undergo imprisonment for contempt. The Chinese martyrs underwent punishment and suffered death, and similarly the labour movement would rise unopposed and purified. "Sounds quite heroic!"
The loss on the aviation carnival at Blackpool amounted to £20,000. The correspondent of the Times, in reporting this loss, emphasised that the public are unwilling to pay when they are able from the highways to see the flights. Hence it is doubtful the correspondent added whether there will be any future aviation meetings in Great Britain unless the programme of aviation is an adjunct of particular gatherings, but the Rhine meeting, which is the airman's Mecca, will doubtless survive.

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phrases and high calls. They have shed their glory, and become drab and cold. We look back, with envy, to the glow with which those funny old Mid-Victorians would wave their hats madly round their heads at the sound of a word like 'Liberty,' for instance. It is not that we do not stand for 'Liberty' still. It is our Cause as much as ever. Only it is now to us no millennial panacea. It has no Mesopotamia fascination for us. We have got it, to some degree; we know it from inside. And while we mean resolutely to keep it, and while we recognise as strenuously as ever its prime necessity for our well-being, it is held by cool and grim reason rather than by any rosy enthusiasm. Liberty means new obligations. New perils, new tests, new endeavours. We are toeing the line; but the race has yet to be run. That is why the sound of the name is not now to us so satisfying and so final. There is, we feel, so much more to be said before we make it good. That gilt, then, is off the gingerbread. The days are a bit more dour and dark than once they were. But, after all, why should gingerbread be gilt? That is a problem that I have never been able to solve. What we want is the ginger; not the gilt. The gilt plays no part that I know of in our joy. I have never eaten the gilt that I know of. It would be very messy. A vision is bound to be humdrum as soon as it is attained. But it may be rare wholesome stuff for all that. Gingerbread is the real. That is what we actually wanted to eat. If we have got it in our mouths, for goodness sake don't let us worry because it has ceased to be gilt. That is the true moral, I expect. And we might apply it to another world-word, which has gone through the same process as Liberty. Democracy was once a spell to conjure with. We had only to utter it, and the whole world was cheering. It held all Mesopotamia in it. Now we have passed through something of a discipline. We have begun to see what Democracy comes to as a working fact. We have actualised enough of it to understand what it will mean. And lo! it is when once in action rather drab, and dull, and vulgar. It does not lend itself any longer to thrills. It has its own slow and clumsy ways of blundering. It makes heaps of mistakes. It is very commonplace and unromantic. It exhibits itself badly, wretchedly, brainlessly. It takes a dreadful lot of time doing anything. So many people have to be consulted. Such a long process of voting has to be gone through. There is such a dreary deal of machinery, and such a waste of power in silly committees.

But Canon Scott-Holland would have us be of good cheer though the gilt has come off the gingerbread and the clouds of glory of the early morning have faded into the light of common day. He is convinced that if one cares to look backward it will be perceived that progress has really been made. Public opinion is ever in a state of flux, now running inordinately high in the channels of great expectations now dwindling to almost nothingness in the shallows of despondency. So Canon Scott-Holland is right in reminding us that as a living entity man is really moving along the path that make for advancement. At the present moment we have, perhaps, only temporarily, lost the sense of vision; when that returns we shall recover our spirits and our courage.

THE COLLAPSE.

More Bodies Recovered.

The work of removing the debris from the collapsed houses in Morrison Street still continues. For a time at least the adjacent buildings have been shored up so as to prevent the danger of injury to the bodies on the spot. Last night at about 8.30 o'clock a further body was recovered from the ruins, while this morning shortly after 10 o'clock another was taken out. Previously four bodies had been removed and two of the injured had died in hospital. So the total death-roll so far is eight.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Italian Consul General in Hongkong has been instructed by wire to contradict officially the unfounded rumours about the existence of cholera in Naples.

The long continued drought and the consequent rise in the price of rice are responsible for the exodus from Hainan of large numbers of young Chinese to Singapore.

The South African Union Government has contributed £500 towards Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition. Lord Gladstone, Governor-General, has given £50 to the fund opened by the Mayor of Pretoria.

News from Tonkin report an outbreak of convicts on August 23. On returning from work they rose in revolt and killed a soldier and four prisoners who refused to join them. After setting fire to the barracks and carrying off a number of rifles they fled. Only one of them was captured.

It is reported that Quebec and Newfoundland will have the distinction of using the first postage stamps issued for the new reign, King George having approved the design for the former colony, and the 6c stamp for the latter. Both stamps are ordered to be printed and issued immediately.

The Pacific Cable Board in its report shows that the receipts for the year amounted to £111,723, and there is a credit balance of £17,966, leaving £93,757 payable by the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. The number of words called to the press shows an increase of 30,378.

On August 28, as a goods train on the Yunnan Railway was about to enter a tunnel, a mass of rocks fell from the top of the tunnel, and fell into a ravine. There a fire broke out and consumed the goods and the trucks. None of the railway men were killed but all of them were injured more or less seriously.

Arrangements for the Coronation are getting in hand. A high authority says there will be a great pageant of Empire. Every dominion and dependency will be represented, and the premiers of the Colonies and other ministers will be invited. The Imperial Conference will be immediately prior, or subsequent to, the Coronation.

Rumours were pretty prevalent in the city to-day that cholera had suddenly broken out in Macao, but on enquiry we learn that such is not the case. The mortality returns for the week show an absolutely clean bill of health as far as that disease is concerned while the other deaths are from minor causes and were in no way infectious.

During the first six months of the year the imports of Great Britain were valued at £279,000,000, compared with Germany £209,000,000, United States £168,000,000, and France, £133,000,000. The exports from Great Britain for the same period, amounted to £204,000,000, compared with Germany £164,000,000, United States £133,000,000, and France £119,000,000.

The deaths are announced of Viscount Avenmore, the fifth Viscount who was born in 1866, and Sir Thomas Fuller, K.C.M.G., born in 1831, for many years M.P. for Capetown, editor of the Cape Argus, emigration commissioner for the Cape Government, general manager of the Union S. S. Company in South Africa, director of De Beers and agent-general for Cape Colony in London since 1902.

Since the 1st instant a storm has been raging over the whole of Formosa, reports the Japan Gazette of September 7. Up to the 6th upwards of 130 houses had been destroyed, damaged and washed away, 2,200 houses were submerged, thirteen persons drowned, five others injured, and some were missing. Buildings, other than ordinary dwelling houses, and railways have been damaged. Seven ships have been wrecked, and fifteen damaged.

The actor Lorraine, who made the phenomenal 'flight' at Blackpool a little while ago, started on September 12th in an aeroplane from Holyhead to Dublin. He was in constant trouble with his motor during the last half hour of the flight and finally came down gently in the water two hundred yards from Howth Head. The aeroplane turned turtle but Lorraine dived underneath and swam ashore. The aeroplane was picked up by a passing steamer undamaged.

The fifth edition of the index by Mr Arthur Chapman, Government Assessor, to the streets, house numbers and lots of Victoria, the Hill District, Wanchai, Shaukiwan Road, Tai Hang, Tung Lo Wan, Quarry Bay, Saiwanho, Shaukiwan, Pokfulam, Aberdeen, Kowloon Point, Yau-mai, Mongkok, Tsimshatsui, Fookshing, Hungnam and Kowloon City Road, has just been published and is a useful contains an amount of information which ought to be of the utmost value to residents in the Colony.

Work on the battleship Kawachi, which is being constructed at the Yokosuka Naval Arsenal, has made fair progress and the launching ceremony is expected to be held on the 15th prox. The keel of this battleship was laid in April of last year. Her displacement is 23,800 tons, length 481 feet, breadth forty eight feet, and draught twenty-eight feet. She is to be equipped with ten 12-inch guns, ten 6-inch quick-firing guns, twelve 4-inch quick-firing guns and five torpedo tubes.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The English Mail of the 20th August was delivered in London on the 18th September.

English watches and scientific apparatus, valued at £1000, have been stolen from the Japanese-British Exhibition.

The silk of C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Montevideo which left here on the 18th August, arrived in New York on the 18th Sept.

The damage done by the recent floods in Hsinminfa is estimated at \$5,000,000 and 30,000 people have been rendered homeless.

In the course of manoeuvres in Hampshire on September 9th the army ship did splendid work, constantly and accurately sending wireless messages to headquarters of the disposition and movements of troops.

Reuters's Capetown correspondent says that Lord Methuen, at the request of General Botha and Mr Smuts, has agreed to remain in South Africa till April, to assist the Commonwealth Government in arranging the new defence scheme.

It is reported from Shanghai that the steamer Proteus, stranded on Drinkwater point at the entrance to the Yangtze, is now lying in a much more favourable position and probably she will be got off the bank on which she is stranded in the next few days.

News from Tonkin tells of business improvement from capitalists in France interesting themselves in the gold, tin, zinc, and coal mines in that quarter. Hitherto, says the Straits Times, investors have fought shy of Indo-China undertakings. Another significant sign is that Hongkong capitalists have largely invested in a Tonkin company capitalised at \$600,000, which manufactures paper from bamboo.

Sentence was promulgated at Aldershot on Colour-sergeant Henry Trout, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who was tried by court martial for falsifying shooting returns. He was ordered to be reduced to the ranks. The sergeant's friends point out that he had nothing to gain personally by his action, the only advantage being that his company would have stood a better chance of securing the Butt Shooting Challenge Shield.

Fiercely indignation marked the proceedings at an extraordinary meeting of the Rubber Planters' Association at Saigon, on August 27. The meeting was called in consequence of a newspaper there, which catered for native readers, containing an article stirring up the people to kill all rubber planters on lands alleged to be grabbed by planters. The journalist in question was denounced in no measured terms, and a resolution was passed calling upon the government to punish those answerable for this call to crime.

A sensational Customs seizure is reported from Saigon: A Chinaman, who had just arrived by mail from Singapore, tried to pass some packages as containing preserved pineapples. The weight of the packages aroused suspicion. They were opened, eight in number, and found to contain jewellery and gold leaf valued at \$40,000. They were seized. Shortly afterwards news came of a big jewel robbery at Singapore. The Saigon police think that this has some connection with the attempt at smuggling.

The Imperial authorities at Peking have ordered a thorough inspection to be made of the condition and effectiveness of the several forts throughout the Kwangtung province. Several items are asked for, and information thereon insisted upon. First, the kind of gun now in use at the several forts, and the velocity with which they will eject a missile. The percentage of old and new cannon must be stated. The countries from which the guns were originally obtained is demanded, and the prices at which they were bought. Information on all these points is asked for and must be forwarded at once. Whether the guns in use on the so-called men-of-war are also to be reported upon does not appear quite clear.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

May Yohe, the American actress, while singing in a city restaurant in San Francisco, was seized with a paralytic stroke.

Mrs Cudaby, wife of a millionaire packer in Chicago, has been granted a divorce, with one dollar alimony, on the ground of incompatibility of temper.

The prospects of the re-entry of Yuan Shih-kai into the service of the State are not improving. This fact is attributed to the growth of Japanese influence and the opposition of Na Tung and a part of the Court cliques working against Yuan Shih-kai.

Telegrams from Washington state that Mr Marah, United States Chargé d'Affaires at Panama, has been recalled, apparently owing to an interview in which he said that if Vice-President Mendoza were elected President of Panama, the United States would be compelled to occupy or to annex the country.

Sir Carlaw Martin, who is stated to have retired from the editorship of the Dundee Advertiser, has been a considerable force in Scottish Liberalism. He was the editor of the Scottish Leader, the paper which the Liberal Party endeavored to establish in Edinburgh after the Home Rule split, and which had the present Sir Henry Dalglish as its London correspondent. When the Leader foundered, after a great expenditure of money, Sir Carlaw Martin, not then knighted, went to the Dundee Advertiser, upon which his writing had a very real influence.

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THE ALLEGED SECRET TREATY.

DENIALS FROM AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

(Reuters's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 20.

The Vienna and Berlin papers declare that the announcement by the Matin of the conclusion of a secret Military Treaty between Turkey and Roumania under the direct inspiration of the Berlin and Vienna Governments is a pure invention intended to create discord between Italy and her partners in the Triple Alliance.

The assertion is also denied at Constantinople and Bucharest, but the report is accepted in Paris as being true in the main.

ENGLISH LABOUR DISPUTES.

ULTIMATUM TO COTTON WORKERS.

(Reuters's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 20.

The Federation of Cotton Masters has resolved to close all the mills on October 1st if the dispute at Fern Mill is not then settled. This declaration affects 100,000 operatives.

A conference between the boiler-makers and their employers has been arranged for Wednesday.

FRENCH EXPRESS COLLISION.

ENGLISH PASSENGERS INJURED.

(Reuters's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 19.

Twenty-one English passengers sustained contusions and are suffering from shock caused by the Dieppe boat express running at high speed against the buffers at the Paris terminus. The engine was driven by a young novice.

There is increasing anxiety regarding the frequency of accidents on the French State Railways. This is the fourth on the Western Railway in a month.

GENERAL BOTHA.

WILL HIS PARTY RESIGN?

(Reuters's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 19.

The rumours that General Botha will resign are little credited. The Cabinet will meet on Tuesday and nothing will be decided before then.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

NEW CHINESE DIRECTOR.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 19.

H.E. Wei Han has resigned his post as Director of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and Chiao Hing Wa is to be appointed as his successor.

FOREIGN LOAN PROPOSAL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 19.

H.E. Shih Leung, the Viceroy of Manchuria, has proposed that foreign loans to the extent of one thousand million dollars be concluded with a view to railway construction throughout the Empire.

The Board of Communications is strongly opposing the suggestion.

CHINA'S SENATE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 19.

The Prince Regent will attend the opening of the Senate and will deliver a speech.

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FOR AND AGAINST THE QUEUE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 19.

The advocates of the cutting of the queue continue their campaign, but those who oppose the idea have requested the Empress Dowager to put a stop to the movement.

A censor has sent in a memorial to the effect that the weakness or the strength of a nation has nothing whatever to do with the queue.

MANCHURIA AND MONGOLIA.

THE INCREASE OF FOREIGN TROOPS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 19.

The Prince Regent and Prince Yu Lang (President of the Board of War) have held a consultation on the question of the increasing number of foreign troops in both Manchuria and Mongolia.

THE FIRE ENQUIRY.

To-day's Proceedings.

Before Mr J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon, the enquiry was resumed touching the deaths of seven persons who lost their lives at Nos. 98 and 100 Jervois Street during a fire and subsequent collapse on September 4.

The jurors were as follows:—Messrs P. Helm, E. L. Hughes and F. Rapp. Mr R. C. Barlow appeared on behalf of the surviving parties of Hah Hing Tze firm and for the relatives of Leung Cho Tow of No. 98 Jervois Street.

Inspector Gourlay conducted the case on behalf of the police. One of the Chinese shopkeepers, named Ma Cheuk Lung, stated that at about 3 a.m. on September 3rd a servant boy came to his family house and told him of the fire. Witness immediately went to Jervois Street but found that No. 100 had already collapsed. The premises were illuminated by gas, there being three burners on the ground floor and two on the first. There were no fire works or explosives on the premises.

A witness named Lai Pui stated that on the night of the fire he was asleep on the ground floor of No. 98. He was awakened by cries of "Fire," and ran out into the street. There he saw that there was a fire in the Wah Hing Tai, but at that time there was none on the premises he came from. Witness did not hear any explosion. He then told the police that he saw the fire in the street. There he saw that there was a fire in the Wah Hing Tai, but at that time there was none on the premises he came from. Witness did not hear any explosion. He then told the police that he saw the fire in the street.

The master of the Ching Wah shop, 102 Jervois Street, deposed that on the night of the fire he was on the ground floor of his premises. He was asleep, but shortly after 3 a.m. was awakened by a noise of the falling of a case of books. He then told the police that he saw the fire in the street. There he saw that there was a fire in the Wah Hing Tai, but at that time there was none on the premises he came from. Witness did not hear any explosion. He then told the police that he saw the fire in the street.

Inspector Gourlay—At the time you went out had any walls fallen down?—No. Mr Barlow suggested that the fall of the case might have been caused by an explosion?—No.

Witness was questioned on the point. His Worship: What made the case fall?—I don't know. I was asleep when it fell. A cook who lived in a lane adjoining the scene of the fire spoke to hearing a loud noise caused by collapsing houses. He told his folks that houses were falling but they need not fear. Later he saw a fire break out on the premises. Then he and his folks left.

A lunkong stated that at 2.30 a.m. he passed the premises. They were then all right. Soon afterwards he heard the sound of collapsing houses; the sound was like that of a big gun. Later he saw that the place was on fire, and then he blew his whistle. Witness got up to the upper floor of adjoining buildings and rescued a number of inmates.

V. C. Clarke stated that on the morning in question he was standing at No. 5 Station when he heard a report, which he took to be the report of a big gun. He looked in the direction of Bonham Strand and saw the reflection of a fire and heard the sound of police whistles. P. C. Hedge-rang the fire-bell and witness ran in the direction of the fire. When he got to the spot he saw that the back part of the buildings had collapsed and fallen into a lane near by. Operations were soon commenced and the fire got under by about four o'clock. Further evidence was called, and the enquiry was still proceeding when we went to press.

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CATTLE DEALER CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At the Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Pigott, Wing Hing was charged with murder.

Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, K.C., Attorney General, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, Sr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, and Mr. Eldon Potter defended, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Esq.

The following were sworn in as jurors:—J. Ross, foreman; M. W. Mark, M. J. Danenberg, E. J. da Silva Loureiro, R. B. Wood, A. Lopez, and R. C. Gaur.

Hon. Attorney General said that prisoner at the bar was before them on a charge of murder. Prisoner was formerly a cattle driver at Sam Chun in the New Territory and deceased was also a cattle driver and lived in Chinese territory. On July 10 about 7 o'clock in the morning, deceased was driving a buffalo and a calf which he intended to sell. He was seen by another man who was also driving cattle as well as by other men on the road to Shatin. Subsequently deceased was seen in Shatin. Prisoner and another man were at a tea-house in Shatin when deceased arrived in the evening and they were seen there. Deceased left the tea-house about 7.30 p.m. having stayed half an hour. The tea-house keeper would testify that deceased was then driving the buffalo and calf and he went in the direction of Kowloon. Some ten minutes afterwards prisoner and another man also left the tea-house and at that time they had no cattle with them. Nothing more was seen of the deceased until about 3 p.m. the following day when Mr. Broadbent, overseer in charge of Kowloon water works, acting on information of his collector went about six miles from Sam Chun to Shatin and there found the dead body of a Chinese male in the reservoir. After pulling the body out Mr. Broadbent found a number of articles on the bank. As regards the articles it was not alleged that they were the property of deceased but probably some of them were the property of the person or persons who committed the murder. No particular importance was attached to the finding of the articles near where the body of deceased was discovered. Mr. Broadbent also saw blood stains amongst the grass which showed that the body had been dragged down the bank to the reservoir. No animals were seen. In company with another man prisoner was next seen at the jury. To ask the price of the dead body being about eight miles, between one and two o'clock in the morning. They had the buffalo and the calf. They asked the price of cattle from a man there. To him it seemed an extraordinary thing that anyone should go at that time of night and after waking people up ask the price of cattle but he was told that it was quite a common occurrence amongst Chinese villagers. About 3 o'clock that morning prisoner sold the calf to a man for \$9.50 and about noon he came back and sold the other animal to a butcher who subsequently sold it to another man and it was afterwards and all that was left of it was the horns. The brother of deceased identified the calf as the property of his brother and at the Magistrate's prisoner said both animals were his own. Some six weeks after the murder prisoner was arrested. The evidence was purely circumstantial; there was nothing which particularly showed that prisoner was the murderer and it was for them to say whether or not the Crown had brought the matter home to him and whether they believed that prisoner had committed the murder or not.

Evidence was called. A witness was cross-examined by Mr. Potter with regard to the price of a calf. "\$10 was a fair price for your heifer," asked Mr. Potter.

"He only gave \$1 more than I asked," replied witness.

But you stated at the police station that it was worth \$17?—Yes.

A heifer of which the market price was \$8.00 would fetch you \$17 heifer?—I could even identify it now if I went to Yau-mai.

The question was repeated and the witness replied "No."

Mr. Potter submitted that there was a case to go to the jury. There is a case. I cannot possibly withdraw it.

Mr. Potter—There are several points. There is no evidence to prove that deceased is dead much less a case of murder. Nobody had seen the body of the deceased in the reservoir and said it was the body of the deceased. There is no evidence that the man was murdered. There is no evidence that the man was murdered. There is a considerable body of circumstantial evidence but whether it is sufficient or not is another matter.

Mr. Potter—On the question of murder or no murder there is no evidence to be left to the jury.

Hon. Attorney General—Our difficulty is that none of the relatives saw the body after death, but I submit that his having been spoken of as the man seen in the tea-house was sufficient.

Mr. Potter—There is no identification. There is no evidence to connect this body with the man Kim Chun.

His Lordship—I think there is. I cannot withdraw it from the jury on that point. I think all you are saying should be addressed to the jury.

Mr. Potter then addressed the jury. After retirement the jury returned an unanimous verdict of not guilty and his Lordship discharged prisoner.

WARWICK MAJOR COMEDY COMPANY.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the postponement of the Warwick Major Comedy Co.'s flying visit to Hongkong till Friday next when "The New Boy" will be given. "The New Boy," a farcical comedy by Arthur Law, has been so well appreciated everywhere that it has been presented at no time without a bumper house on Friday night. The play bristles with numerous scenes and amusing complications. The plans are at Montreux and those who book early get the best seats.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The police last night raided premises at 1, Fuk Hing Lane and arrested 38 Chinese engaged in the smoking of opium.

A seizure was recently made under the Trade Marks Ordinance at 204, Third Street, of 100 sticks bearing forged label.

ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN FLEET.

The eight ships of the American Asiatic Fleet came into port from the North at about 1.30 o'clock to-day. A salute was fired from the shore battery at Kowloon, and later was answered by the flagship New York. The war-vessels came into harbour headed by the flagship, and while the bigger boats took up positions at the man-of-war anchorage the four torpedo boat destroyers moved in Kowloon Bay.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet (Rear Admiral Hubbard) was in command, being on board the New York, while the other vessels with their commanders were:—Rainbow, cruiser of 6,200 tons; Ensign A. C. Scott; New Orleans, cruiser of 5,430 tons; Comdr R. Welles; torpedo boat destroyers Bainbridge (Ensign R. S. Lee), Barry (Ensign L. W. Townsend), Chauncey (Ensign L. N. McNeil), and Dale (Ensign F. J. Fletcher); with the naval auxiliary Pompey. The tonnage of the flagship is 8,500.

Admiral Hubbard will make his official landing at Blake Pier to-morrow morning, and will call at Government House.

QUARANTINE AT MANILA.

From the Colonial Secretary's Office we get the following information: "Manila was declared an infected port by the Officer administering the Government in Council yesterday."

CORRESPONDENCE.**GOD'S ACRE IN KOWLOON.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir—It seems strange to me that the Authorities have not set aside a piece of ground to become a cemetery in Kowloon. All know how sad a funeral invariably is and it seems to me that much gratuitous grief and expense would be saved, were God's Acre fenced out in the rapidly growing suburb at Kowloon. The walk from the house to the Police Pier, the launch across, and the long return from Happy Valley might well be avoided. What say you, Sir?

Yours truly,
C.T.C.

MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, September 17. Squalls and showers yielded to the way of good King S I who carried us through a bright but oppressive week. The evenings, however, are now appreciably cooler. The outlook now at 4 p.m. is not very reassuring.

What has upset the appease? The parents of the six toddlers from Souta, who were rescued from their kidnappers in Macao and housed in the Civil Hospital on 10th inst. were expected here on Monday last—they are still expected.

Lam Ham Liu sent in a second deed of composition is offering his creditors 6 per cent. of his assets, but it has also been set aside.

Seventy American tourists landed here yesterday at 11.30 a.m. by the s.s. Su-an. The same vessel carried them back at 6 p.m. after they had done the sights of the place.

Curiosity is still rife over the case of the Frenchman Martigny alias Regazzani, who was alleged to have sought to recover \$10,000 from Vernon of the Bon Vista by means of threats. So far no reliable data are obtainable. There is no doubt a revolver was found on his person when landing but this, it is believed, can be easily explained away by the fact that he was constantly touring the West River ports. Current opinion inclines to the probability that negotiations have been carried on between the Government and the French Consul and is rumoured that the latter has eventually left the Portuguese Government to deal with the case. The letter to Vernon from Hongkong is said to have been so worded that unless the amount due was forthcoming his so-called creditor would return in three days. "He is outside the matter."

The notorious John Thomas, whom the Hongkong police have time and again entertained, is once more His Majesty's guest here. A trio of youthful skylarks are said to have landed from Hongkong about a week ago and joining Thomas, they started painting the town red. One house in particular claimed almost all their attention and on Wednesday evening last two or more of the gang, we understand, noticed a singing girl of about 9 years old away from the premises on the alluring prospect of providing her with a liberal supply of choice perfumes. On reaching a secluded spot the girl was relieved of her bracelets valued at \$100.

Subsequent events are, so far, rather obscure but before Thursday evening the police had laid the gay quartette by the heels.

MACAO, September 19.

When I last wrote on the 17th inst. fears were entertained lest the parents of the kidnapped children from Suen Tak might have themselves been waylaid by other members of the gang while on their way here. But all's well that ends well. Four parties have arrived, among them a married couple, and before Chief Justice Dr. Vidal this afternoon they identified their young hopefuls who rushed into their arms between tears and laughter. "Let them be!" said good Dr. Vidal as the policemen rather clambered over each other in their eagerness to get the children home. The children were mean while to continue at the Civil Hospital where the nurses have been unstinted in attention and endowments. The judge further told them that the Santa Casa would shoulder all the expenses connected with the little ones during their stay in Macao.

By an odd coincidence every one of the three identified boys is a striking miniature effigy of his father.

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CHARGE OF STEALING HUMAN HAIR.

A charge of stealing 50 lbs. of human hair, of the value of \$300, was preferred against a coolie at the Magistrate's this morning. The complainants were Messrs. Heuser, Eberius and Co., of 3, Duddell Street.

The allegation was that defendant extracted the hair from a consignment which was being conveyed from a godown at Vanchai to Duddell Street. After hearing the evidence, however, Mr. J. R. Wood found the testimony insufficient to justify conviction and defendant was accordingly discharged.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Bishop Lander's Eulogy of the Mission to Seamen.

Harvest festival services were held in connection with St. John's Cathedral on Sunday and the collections at each of the services were devoted to the Mission to Seamen in Hongkong.

There was a large congregation at the morning service when the Right Rev. Bishop Lander was the preacher. The altar and chancel were very tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and palms and presented an attractive appearance. Appropriate hymns were sung and the service commenced with the processional "Come, ye thankful people, come." Mr. E. G. White presided at the organ.

His Lordship, in the course of his sermon, said that a harvest festival was primarily an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of the harvest. They were there to express once more their dependence on Him and to thank Him who had again fulfilled his ancient promise that while the earth remained, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest should not cease. Surely it was fitting that they should have a special service of thanksgiving to God, for all their temporal mercies. In the second place a harvest festival was an occasion for a thank-offering to God. Both in the Old and New Testaments they read of men bringing offerings to God. In the Old Testament they never came to God or their temples empty handed and a harvest festival was a test of whether or not their thanksgiving involved a self-sacrifice. Their offerings that day, after certain deductions for church expenses, were to be given to the Mission to Seamen which included the men who devoted their lives to the welfare of the seafarer and who braved the perils both of land and sea for their sakes. It seemed to him specially appropriate, dwelling as he did on this little island of an entirely dependent sailors for all the necessities of life, that they should give the collections of the thanksgiving service to them. They had, as the congregation knew, two Missions to Seamen with two Chaplains and two institutions which were doing much good work amongst the seamen. During the last year their mission had been blessed by the addition of the Seamen's Institute; he believed one of the very best to be found in the world, and the fact that they owed this institute to a philanthropist who was not of their communion was fitting evidence that they should support it liberally. He need not say more to commend it because it already had a warm place in their hearts. The harvest festival, he observed, was not only a religious festival, but it was also an opportunity for instruction in the things of God and he asked them for a few minutes to consider some impressive words which directed them to Nature for a sermon. She was a very good teacher. Her sermons might be long and preached to those who were not, but they were never wearisome. The text was Gal. VI. 7. "Whoever sows manure shall also reap." They were all sowers and reapers. Each had, as it were, a farm to cultivate; the fields were the various parts of his being. It was not optional, whether they sowed or not; all must do that. The only question was a kind of seed. It was a natural law applicable to spiritual things that the harvest will be in accordance with the seed we sow. Men do not expect to reap grapes if they sow wheat or figs or figs. "If a man was appreciated to a builder he would not expect to be able to earn his living as a watchmaker, nor if he was articulated to a lawyer did he expect to practice as a physician. It was equally unreasonable to expect a youth of sensibility to produce an old age of spirituality, or a life of neglect of God an eternity of joy in God. Men talk lightly of sowing their wild oats but many a man to-day was reaping in his ruined estate, entangled will, and weakened body, the harvest of his wild sowing. The text of the text and the solemnity it gave to life and pointed out that ignorance of the kind of seed sown was accepted by nature as no excuse. A farmer ought to find out what he was sowing, if he was young and inexperienced he should listen to the advice of those of greater knowledge. It would be well for many young men if they would listen to the advice of those who had learned by experience the dangers and safeguards of life. His Lordship concluded by exhorting all to benevolence, "sow to the spirit and of the spirit reap eternal life."

At the conclusion of Matins the National Anthem was sung and a choral celebration of Holy Communion followed.

The anthem "Ye shall dwell in the land" was most fittingly rendered at the evening service, Mrs. E. G. Jordan and Mr. R. E. White taking the solo. The Rev. C. E. Thomson was the preacher.

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VACATION AS AN OBJECTION.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, and Mr. Justice Hazland, sitting as a Full Court at the Supreme Court this morning, the case was mentioned in which Tong Wong Tzeo appealed from the decision of the Chief Justice in the case in which Li Chi Chin was plaintiff.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring, appeared for appellant and Mr. G. O. Alabaster defended, instructed by Mr. E. Hind.

Mr. Potter said that was an appeal from the judgment of the Chief Justice.

Mr. Alabaster—I have a preliminary objection that they are out of time as the time limit expired yesterday.

The Chief Justice—But that is by order of the Court. I made an order but that was only for service. It was done for the convenience of the court but your lordships have no power to alter the rules of the Privy Council.

The Chief Justice—It was to save time. There is no other preliminary objection to your preliminary objection in that yesterday was vacation.

Mr. Potter—It is adjourned until after the vacation.

The Chief Justice—Yes.

REVIEWS.

A Village Community, by HENRY DAWKINS. Hongkong, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.; London, Messrs. George Allen and Sons.

—This book has created quite a furore in literary circles in England and most of the reviews which we have read border on the eulogistic. So far as Hongkong is concerned we presume it is almost a secret *la Fidei* that "Hope Dawkins" is but the pseudonym of a gentleman occupying a most exalted position in our small Colonial world. Personally, putting that aside altogether, we welcome the book for its own intrinsic merits, for they are many.

From the outset it is apparent that the writer is a man of wide observation who looks upon life with the balanced toleration which residence in foreign lands imparts to most cultured Englishmen of literary tastes. He evidently has spent long years in the Overseas lands where the members of his race are working out their imperial destiny, for many of his most interesting digressions concern the thoughts and emotions which surge up in the hearts of men when they go on holiday and return for a brief spell of rest and recreation to the Old Country. Only one who had himself passed through these mental experiences could have placed so many vivid touches of conjured up by the passage through the gorgeous English landscape on its way to London town; only one who had consorted with Overseas men and those whose ways of life are outside the experiences of home-bred folk, could have given us so delicate yet so arresting a portrait as that of Doctor Jack, the greatly travelled ship's surgeon who retires to spend the sunset of a laborious, friendship-crowded life in a quiet Surrey village. A splendid fellow to be sure, and a most lovable one, one of nature's noblemen yet unconscious of his great gifts of sympathy and compassion. Another character instinct with life and actuality is that of the village Radical, Ben Farset, a wheelwright by trade, whose proclivities for domestic speech-making and interfering with other people's business leads to disastrous results. The evolution of Farset is cleverly portrayed. One realises, as one reads, how such a character is the inevitable outcome of a certain chain of circumstances; how the narrow perversion of mental outlook contracted by reason of the comparative stagnation prevailing in a village community, and how feeding upon itself as it were it grows more obtuse, self-opinionated and impracticable.

There are other characters in the Village Community book, two of which display the rare talent of the delineator, but we have not space for further detail. Suffice it to say that each fits in naturally with his or her surroundings and show that their creator is not only a shrewd observer of human nature, but a truthful one within. "Hope Dawkins" has written for us as a bit of the English countryside which we exiles all long to see again, and we thank him sincerely for his work. It is infinitely superior to his "Secretary of Legation," it deals with a quieter range of emotions, and is more natural and entirely unforced, which could not be truthfully said of parts of the other volume, to which in some measure it is a sequel. As a literary production "A Village Community" attains a very high standard of perfection.

The *Lost Hero*, by FRANK WHITE. London, Methuen and Co.

This is a very clever study of Nonconformist life in the present year of grace. To a worthy bootmaker named Allington and his wife are born in a mean London suburb a son and daughter. The son Alfred as he grows up becomes a failure of St. Paul's and of the "Little Minister," a genius whose ecstasies of spiritual vision transcend anything that the circle of his friends and acquaintances had ever heard of; of his sister Della on the other hand is frankly a pagan, with the most material view of life. Both are given to boasting of a superior education, enabling them to occupy positions socially vastly superior to that in which they were born, and this is the reason why their story is worth telling. How they used their advantages, each in his or her peculiar manner, what struggles, triumphs and defeats awaited them on the journey through life we leave our readers to find out for themselves. Della in a measure attained in the end to the goal of her ambition, but she is left to conjecture whether Alfred has really passed through all the spiritual experiences which are essential for the repose of such an exalted soul. The story is capably told and deserves to have many readers.

The *Studio for August*. Again the *Studio* presents a splendid series of well selected pictures and a capitalised collection of articles dealing with the art of the day. We gather from Mr. G. Lewis Hind's article on "Contemporary Art in Germany" that a distinctive national art has not yet developed in America; that paintings by American artists are indistinguishable from the works of European artists. But a national school of American painting will surely be evolved in the near future. Mr. J. Lockwood Kipling's short article on "Plant Drawings from an Indian Cotton-Printer's Pattern Book" shows the great debt which our cotton-printers owe to India. A very interesting description is given by Miss Mary Jackson of art and its conditions in Mexico, where she went on a sketching tour. What principally impressed her was the extreme civility of the people.

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The bill at the Empire Theatre during the past week has been a particularly pleasing one, and as a result, more than usually good houses have been the result. The very dainty song specialty of Misses Addie Leigh and Maggie Fraser, entitled "Thinking," continues to elicit commendation, and is responsible for a noticeable increase in the attendance at this popular place of amusement during the several evenings it has been given. It will be presented for the last time this evening, and a large attendance is consequently assured.

SHIPS TO BE GLASS-BOTTOMED.

The *Young Gazette* says:—We learn from a trustworthy source that Commander Neilson, R.N.R., of the B.I. steamer Danvers and Mr. Bernard Kupferburg, a civil engineer, who is in charge of extensive glassworks in Germany, have patented a process which is claimed to be an adhesive that will admit of glass being placed upon the iron sides and bottoms of ships' hulls, thus banishing all trouble with barnacles and other troubles that stop the progress of ships and necessitate constant docking, cleaning, painting, etc. Under the new process, it is held, ships will maintain their full speed for years.

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| SUVERIO | 6333 | F. S. Cowley | 27th September. |
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| Yokohama, Kobe, & Shanghai | Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R. | Oct. 1st | Freight and Passengers. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP | SYRIA | Oct. 5th | Freight and Passengers. |
| Yokohama, Kobe, & Shanghai | Capt. D. C. Gordon, R.N.R. | Oct. 5th | Freight and Passengers. |

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'EMPEROR OF INDIA' SATURDAY, 19th Nov.

'EMPEROR OF JAPAN' SATURDAY, 17th Dec.

'EMPEROR OF CHINA' SATURDAY, 14th Jan.

'EMPEROR OF INDIA' SATURDAY, 12th Nov.

'EMPEROR OF JAPAN' SATURDAY, 10th Dec.

'EMPEROR OF CHINA' SATURDAY, 7th Jan.

'EMPEROR OF INDIA' SATURDAY, 4th Feb.

'EMPEROR OF JAPAN' SATURDAY, 1st Mar.

'EMPEROR OF CHINA' SATURDAY, 29th Feb.

'EMPEROR OF INDIA' SATURDAY, 26th Mar.

'EMPEROR OF JAPAN' SATURDAY, 23rd Mar.

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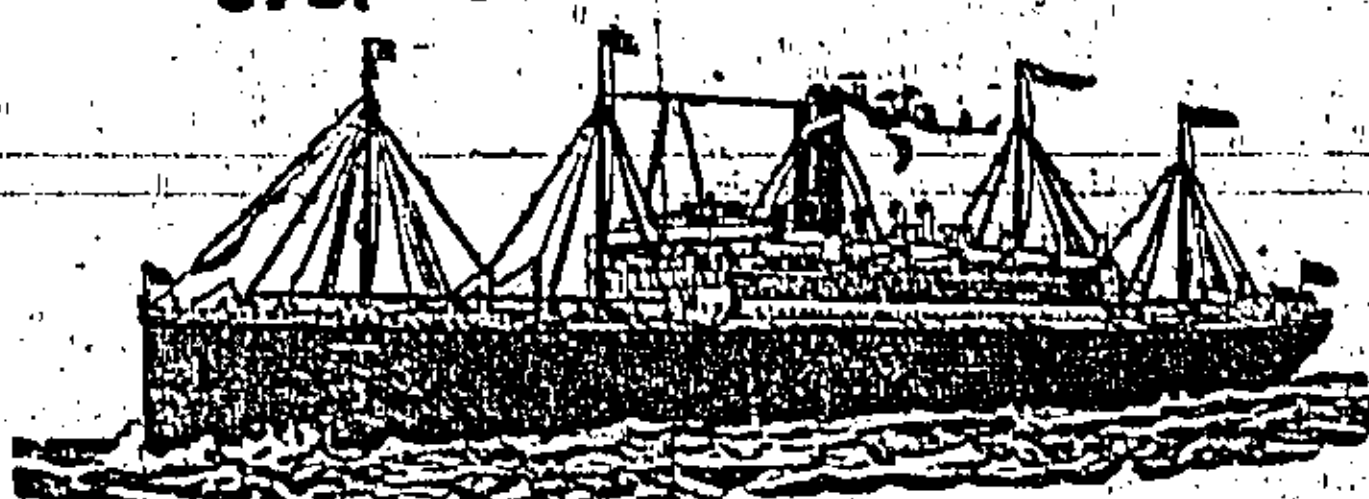
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|-------------|--------|----------|------------|-----------|
| TENYO MARU | 21,000 | SATURDAY | 1st Oct. | at 1 p.m. |
| KOREA | 18,000 | SATURDAY | 15th Oct. | at 1 p.m. |
| NIPPON MARU | 18,000 | SATURDAY | 22nd Oct. | at 1 p.m. |
| SIBERIA | 27,000 | SATURDAY | 5th Nov. | at 1 p.m. |
| MANCHURIA | 27,000 | SATURDAY | 12th Nov. | at 1 p.m. |
| OHIO MARU | 21,000 | SATURDAY | 19th Nov. | at 1 p.m. |
| MONGOLIA | 27,000 | SATURDAY | 26th Nov. | at 1 p.m. |

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Foreign.....10,774,369 55,570,424 44,800,055

The proportion per cent. of British to total tonnage in 1880 was 56.4; in 1908 it was 59.9.

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SOLDIERS' SWEETHEARTS.

It will be pleasant reading for the soldier—and especially for the soldier in India—to see that by the announcement just made by the Army Council, the soldier's sweetheart will in future be reckoned as a factor in the training of new regulations. Unlike the proverbial sailor, the soldier has not a sweetheart in every port, for to those who know what it is to spend long years in military exile abroad the constancy of the average soldier to the "girl he left behind him" is a well-known fact. If soldiering abroad becomes distasteful to him, if a constant hankering for home besets the routine of his daily life in India, it is mainly because there is constantly flitting before him the image of the girl he has pledged his troth to, whom he has promised to marry when he has "done his bit" in the Army, and the receipt of whose letters by the weekly English mail is the one bright oasis in the otherwise arid existence of life in an Indian environment. That the day would come when a beneficent Government would make it possible for the girl to join him in his tropical home never entered into his wildest calculations, but that it has now been made possible will bring joy to many an anxious soldier, and make the days of his exile a period of restful content. It will prove the salvation of many a man, bring greater content into the rank and file of the Service, and pave the way for the gradual colonization of India by a body of men to whom the Empire will be something more than a mere word. Married soldiers fare so well in India, and their wives have such a comparatively easy time of it, that few care to return to the hard work and anxious times of life at home, and it is not at all a remote possibility that the new concession given to soldiers may find its reward in ultimately providing a means for maintaining the integrity of our Indian Empire.—United Services Gazette.

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| FOR | STEAMERS | To Sail |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| MANILA | YUENSANG | FRIDAY, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. |
| MANILA | LOONGSANG | FRIDAY, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. |
| SHANGHAI-KOBE AND MOI | KUTSANG | TUESDAY, Oct. 4, at Noon. |

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. Occupying 34 days.

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